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Applicant	William Alfond et al.
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**Response to Election Requirement**

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 17, 2003.

Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response.

However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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Applicant hereby elects the invention of Species (1) for prosecution at this time. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-40, 42, and 43 are readable on Species 1, where claims 1-40 are generic. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests examination of Claims 1-40, 42 and 43 at this time. Applicant believes that the remaining claim 41 which is readable on Species 2, should be entitled to consideration once one or more of the generic claims is allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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